THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a fairly large programme of protected water-supply is being taken up both in rural and urban areas."

Amount of grant sanctioned towards educational concessions in 1952–53.

* 7 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount granted towards educational concessions to non-gazetted officers, servants of local boards and aided school teachers in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The following are the amounts of grant sanctioned towards educational concessions to children of non-gazetted officers, servants of local bodies and aided school teachers in the State during 1952–53—

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Elementary schools	2,48,432
Local body secondary schools	64,900
Aided secondary schools	3,78,447."

Groundnut Research Centres.

* 8 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of research centres constituted by the Government in the State for studying the economics of growing groundnuts mixed with other crops;

(b) the cost of maintaining the centres and the number of acres experimented; and

(c) the results of the experiments made so far?

11-20 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There is one such Research Centre in this State at Tindivanam in South Arcot district.

" (b) The net cost of maintaining this station is about Rs. 29,474 per annum. Every year one to two acres are devoted to mixed cropping experiments in this station. Bulk crops of groundnut-castor and groundnut-cholam mixtures are also raised to step up income from the farm area. The area devoted to such mixed cropping varies from year to year. In the 1953–54 season ten acres were under mixed crops.

" (c) The conclusions arrived at from the mixed cropping experiments carried out in this station are :—

(a) Growing of groundnut mixed with other crops is found to be more remunerative than growing it pure.

(b) Among the crops grown mixed with groundnut, cholam has been found to depress the yield of groundnut to the maximum extent (even up to 50 per cent) in certain years.